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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Activities for February

February 5	Regular Meeting Fly Tying @ 6 PM Meeting @ 7 PM
February 14	Valentines Party Heritage Cafeteria @ 5:30 PM
February 27 - March 1	Annual Meeting, Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark Location: Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark

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At the meeting we will be handing out membership forms for 2009. Membership in MTFA-Springfield will remain at \$15 unless you wish be have affiliate membership in FFF. The MFTA will have a Charter club status with FFF in that the members we list with FFF are separate from members that have only exclusive local memberships. This will save us several hundred dollars we have previously submitted to FFF. Locally everyone will still have the same rights and privileges that they have always had. As a Charter club, MTFA-Springfield can access benefits for FFF that we could not have had previously. Example: This quarter's FFF magazine issued a notice that if a charter club needs fly rod outfits, they are available at no cost for local club's educational programs while supplies last.

Doyle Hatfield of Saltery Lake Lodge offered us the opportunity to sell a week of fishing at his Kodiak Alaska lodge from September 20-26. Rod Pennington took the offer last year. When I mentioned to Rod the possibility of someone taking advantage of the drastically reduced costs, he said that his trip last year was a great experience. I set the price of the trip to include a \$650 markup that will be used as a fund raiser for our club. Brochures about the trip were available at both tying events in January and also at Backcountry Outfitters and Bass Pro's fly shop. If the trip does not sell by our February meeting, I will ask for authorization to sell it on eBay. We have until March 21st to complete the deal to keep our \$650. The trips cost \$2,950, not including airfare to Alaska. The normal price is \$4,740. The difference almost pays for the airline tickets to get there. If you know of someone that may have interest, please inform them.

Saturday, February 21st from 11-3, Bass Pro will have us tying flies for their Trout Weekend sale. A flyer should be coming out soon for a sale involving only the main store. We can discuss the details at our meeting. In January we had two tying events. The crowd at the First Baptist Church in Ozark had a great interest in our six tyer's. The following Saturday we demonstrated fly tying at the Nature Center.

The Conservation Federation of Missouri is having their annual meeting February 27 and 28th at the Lodge of the Four Seasons at Lake of the Ozarks. The Rivers and Stream committee will discuss the resolution MTFA-Springfield submitted regarding the status of trout fishing on the Niangua River downstream from Bennett Springs

We are going to need help putting together the fly tying kits for the MSU class. Information of this will be discussed at our meeting. If several members help in this, the time involved will be minimal. This is our biggest revenue source and past success keeps the program going as our reputation precedes itself (My mother always said that to me). Charlie Erickson wants to act like he is retired, finally! We are going to several members to step up in addition to those that have helped with the one-on-one approach we have taken in the past.

If you have someone that is interested in fly fishing, encourage them to become members of the club. They can sit in on the class and learn with the students. If additional materials are available, they could use them or bring their own equipment for tying and casting instruction. Last semester we had members from the Project Healing Waters group take this advantage and hone their skills during the classes.

Speaking of PHW, Rick Trowbridge remains the Midwest co-coordinator. He has moved to Memphis and plans on returning to Springfield later this year. The Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Wood is still using our affiliation with PHW to maintain that activity. The Roubidoux Fly Fishing Club is working with the soldiers in the casting and tying activities. When Rick returns to Springfield, MTFA- will resume our PHW classes. Fly fishing has a definite benefit to help our soldiers return to productive civilian life and overcome the physical and emotions effects of combat.

A Note to Members

I received the following letter from Robert Sizemore, the 8th grade student of our "Christmas Family"

"Thank you guys so much for your kindness. Helping me and my family really got us back on our feet. This world needs more groups like yours. I don't know how to thank you personally. If you ever need anything I have or ever need anything done, just ask. I owe you guys one, one huge one!"

Final Notes of Interest

Linda Hawkins is at St. John's Hospital. As I am writing, her room number is 7269, 1235 E. Cherokee, Springfield, MO 65804.

I have an auditor working on our checking account. She thought that the audit should be finished before our February meeting.

**See you at the next meeting,
Larry Wegmann, President, MTFA**

From Rod Pennington: The Pre-Derby meeting will be March 14th, 12:00 PM at the dining lodge. The back up date in the event of poor weather will be March 28th. This meeting determines the dates, time, and rules of the MTFA Derby held in May as well as preliminary discussions for some of the topics discussed at the annual membership meeting the weekend of the Derby.

The CFM annual meeting is to be February 27-28th, the lodge of the four seasons, lake Ozark, Mo.

- The resolution our club submitted will be discussed in the Rivers and Streams committee meeting Saturday Morning.

What to call it

By Kevin Smith

Recipe

Hook: TMC 2487 or equivalent size 14, 16, 18. Mostly I tie this pattern in size 14

Thread: 8/0 color to match dubbing

Tail: Danville 4 strand Rayon Green, Orange, Wine, Red

Body: Peacock Heral

Wing: Natural Deer body hair

Head: Tan or Gray Dubbing mostly I use Sow bug #042 Ginger

Green floss seems the best. I recently used wine floss but have not fished as of yet. The ginger dubbing seems to work as well as the gray but you'll have to decide which color combination work best for your area.

Tying

1. Start the thread and wrap back several turns
2. Tie in 4 strands of Rayon. *On size 18 hook use only 2 strands.*
3. Continue wrapping the thread back to about 1/3 of the way into the bend. Keeping the Floss along the top of the shank.
4. Trim the tail to the desired length. I prefer on the short side.
5. Tie in the peacock by the tips. 2 heralds for hook size 14 and 16 use only 1 on size 18 hooks.
6. Wrap the thread back about half way toward the eye.
7. Apply a very small amount of head cement to the area that will soon be under the peacock heal.
8. **Before the cement dries.** Wrap the heralds up to the waiting thread.
9. Wrap the heralds back over the first layer to create a tapered body style.
10. Secure with a couple of thread wraps and trim the excess.
11. Clean and stack a few strands of deer hair. Not to many a sparse wing is best.
12. With the tips even or extending just a little past the bend secure the deer hair allowing the hair to flair.
13. Secure the hair with several thread wraps and trim the excess
14. Apply the dubbing to create a head somewhat larger than the body head
15. whip finish and apply head cement as desired
16. Go Fishing! I drift this pattern under an indicator with a small split short 10 to twelve inches above the fly.

Roaring River State Park, January 19th 2009

Don arrived around 9 a.m. and we packed up and headed for Roaring River.

It was still pretty cold when we got there and although the wind wasn't much it definitely bit at any exposed skin. Ice constantly formed in the guides. The sun was shining though, with hardly a cloud in the sky but that wasn't enough to warm up the air much. Around two in the afternoon I finally noticed enough change to remove my stocking hat without fear of losing an ear. If the temperature actually made it to forty it couldn't have been for long, by three thirty I was putting the sock hat back on.

We started at the top pool. I was going through a few dries. Don was on the far bank, the walk-way in front of the over flow gate, tossing a big T&A Trout looking for the big one.

I quickly learned that the wind was too much for the little dries I was trying to throw and I wasn't having any luck getting the fish to rise to the BWO anyway. I went back to the Exploder and re-rigged for drifting some nymphs.

When I got back to the waters edge Don was using the accent language of fisher semaphore to tell me that he had a big Rainbow hooked up but LDR the fish after two to three seconds. Later he told the full story including that he had hooked into the same fish and again LDR the big Rainbow. Shortly after that he hooked up an ever bigger Sycamore. That T&A Trout looks mighty pretty hanging from that high limb its reflection caught in the crystal clear water.

The second pool down I tied on a #16 Pheasant Tail and finally hooked into a trout. Number two shortly after from the swift water at the top of the same pool. No other takes from this pool or the next two down. The fish were feeding on midges pretty heavy so I changed to a #16 Brice Midge (silver bead and wire with blue dun thread) and netted one fish from the pool above the bridge in front of the lodge. I fished back up two pools where I caught the first with no additional takers. Tied on a John Deere midge and landed two in about as many drifts. I fish back over the same three pools with no more takers. The "Don't Bite the Green Midge" message was out. Even a #20 black zebra failed.

At the pool below the Lodge Bridge I tied on a #20 Silver and Cream Midge and hooked up one and another in the next pool down. Before the don't bite it message when out over the fish – a- graph.

Several patterns and several pools down stream with no additional catches I parked it on a bench for a little snack and changed to a #16 What to Call It. I fished every pool back up to the lodge pool. Hooking up a fish here and there along the way for a total of four more all on the same What to Call It.

I hadn't seen Don since all day so I went back to the Exploder and drove down to the parking log near the cleaning station and found him at the pool below the third bridge. He had caught a few and ran into a few friends. I caught the fifth while we discussed what worked and what didn't and tossed out a few opinions related to the current fishing conditions of the day. Two or three pools down I landed the sixth and shortly after called it day. It was two thirty when I got back to the car. I had tossed about every pattern in the box for a grand total of thirteen Rainbows. The rule of the day was change, either location or pattern or both.

It was a lot of fun, a little cold, and as always, good to be out.

Fair Winds and Following Seas!
Kevin Smith

January 09, 2009 10:36 pm — By Wally Kennedy - wkennedy@joplinglobe.com

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — An appeal of the construction and operating permits for the Ozbun CAFO near Roaring River concluded on Friday with statements from Michelle Ozbun, owner of the CAFO, and Kaye Smith, a member of the Roaring River Park Alliance. After hearing two days of testimony in which her 65,600-chicken CAFO was repeatedly attacked for being in the wrong place and improperly permitted, Ozbun said, “I followed the regulations and did what I should have to make everybody happy. None of the litter has gone into the watershed. “I have tried to keep everything clean. I just can’t make everybody happy.” Smith, a resident of Pierce City with property near the park, said, “I believe you are completely sincere and did all of the right things. But our loyalty to the river and Table Rock Lake is personal to us.” . . .

Editor’s note (only sections of this article are submitted here due to space constraints.

. . . . At the conclusion of the hearing, Mark Stephenson, a Joplin resident, said he was pleased that the alliance was able to make its case against the CAFO and that testimony was allowed in issues unrelated to the water permit. “But I’m disappointed that the water issue is the only issue the commission can take into consideration — only that and nothing else — because there’s so much more involved here than just that,” he said.

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http://www.joplinglobe.com/local/local_story_009223619.html

For the full text of the speech “Closing statement written and vocalized by Kaye Smith at the Administrative Hearing Commission in Jefferson City at a hearing January 7 & 8 2009.”

Email a request with a subject line of “Copy of “Kaye Smith Speech” to ekanderson@hotmail.com and I will email it to you.

Roaring River State Park, January 2nd 2009

I’ve fished every day this year, two out of two not bad.

Drove down to Roaring River this morning arriving around 10:30 and was very surprised to see so many fishers. Zone one was full and zone 2 down to Dry Branch was just as full. The lower section of zone 2 below the Highway F Bridge was bad but not as bad. I got rigged up with another Caddis Nymph size #14 and started just below the last Access platform. Had my first fish in three casts then missed two more. Left that pool for the next one down stream and it was a good hour and three or four fly swaps before I picked up another on a #18 wine colored tail G-bug. Shortly after I had another and missed a couple more strikes cause I was looking at two squirrels chase each other around on the far bank.

Two more pools and a few more fly swaps with no additional fish. So I decided to break for lunch. It was one o’clock when I got back to the car. Two and a half hours with only three fish to hand but it was a pretty good day for the 2nd day of January of any year.

After lunch I drove up to the lodge pool, fishing it and the next two pools down. Still a lot of fishers out, I tried that same G-bug, the Caddis nymph, Root Beer Midge and a Pheasant Tail for the next couple of hours. Not a single fish, I decided that there were just too many lines in the water and called it a day.

Two of the three things were present today that makes fishing Roaring River not as fun for me. It was crowded and the water was high. I seldom do very well with high water at Roaring and I never enjoy that many fishers around me but it still beats working. Even so the sun was shining and the water was clear and clean and just being outside for the day made it worth while. By the time I left, Tim’s Fly Shop had already closed, I guess it was a slow day for him as well or maybe he just decided to get a few casts in.

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Taneycomo Tail Waters, January 11th 2009

Picked up my good buddy Don around eight-thirty but it was ten-thirty by the time we made it into the water. A stop for gas, another for some eats and the next thing you know it's ten-thirty before your fishing.

Only four or five fishers visible from the parking lot, not a single outlet fisher at number two.

The sun was shining but the wind still had a good bite to it. It was blowing pretty steady and strong enough to be a little irritating during my cast. According to South West Missouri Power there had been no generation since midnight so we expected the upper section to be holding a lot of fish maybe even a big one or two.

We waded in between outlet one and outlet two, right about midway. Don was the first to hook up using an Olive Pine Squirrel Sculpin and shortly after he was also the second to hook up. One more fish I thought and I'm switching to an OPSS. He missed another and then they quit so I never had to change.

As Don moved down stream, I moved to the far side to keep the sun out of my eyes. I hooked my first using that same good old #14 Caddis Nymph the one that Phil Lilly said looked some what like a Zug Bug, (still need to look that fly up). Shortly after I had LDR about 3 and netted 2 others. Don had waded just below outlet two. He cut across, went up the stairs and walked back to just above me. I hadn't moved twenty feet from where I caught the first one. He asked, I told and after he rigged up one of the Caddis Nymphs I had given him, I think he netted 3 fish. All told I had six to the hand so far but had LDR close to twenty. Don't fault the fly for the poor skills of the fisher. That's why I tell you about the LDR's. I had a couple of nice ones hooked, both breaking my tippet after a short fight. I would have liked to have had a better look at them.

It slowed some around two and I was looking to get out and eat something so I walked to the bench above outlet two where only one fisher was standing working the outlet. That's just odd for a Sunday or any day for that matter at Taney. Don made it over ten or fifteen minutes later and we made a plan to try the KOA hole for a bit while we munched a few snacks.

There were a few fishing the shallow water just above the KOA hole. I didn't see any rods bent over though. Fished there just a little before I moved up above the shallow narrow section and worked back down and across to the stairs. I finally managed one more Rainbow to the hand, shortly after Don showed back up. A few more casts and we decided to call it a day.

I had seven to the hand I think and LDR a bunch of fish. Don had six, a few of them on OPSS.

I never changed patterns the entire day, # 14 mostly #16 Caddis Nymph. I'm going to have to name this one I think.

No complaints, it was a good day!

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The first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

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